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In re Application of Lee Melvin Hinman Application No. 10/812,998 Filed: March 31, 2004

ON PETITION

Title: System and Method for a Made To Specification E-commerce Quoting and Orders Processing System on a Stand Alone or

Integrated Portal

This is a decision on the petition filed June 10, 2009, under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A Final Office Action was mailed December 31, 2007 setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. A response was filed March 24, 2008, but by Advisory Action of August 6, 2008, petitioner was advised that the response did not place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment was mailed September 19, 2008.

In response thereof, petitioner has submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an amendment as the submission required under 37 CFR 1.114.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) however, requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the petition.

Additionally, however, there is no indication that petitioner herein was ever empowered to prosecute the instant application. If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documentation must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. However, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 3625 for processing of the RCE.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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